THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) No proposal for extension to Shri A. R. Shinde, former Director General, All India Radio was considered by the Government.

(c) and (d) Shri Shiv S. Sharma, former Director General, Doordarshan has retired from service on 31.8.1991 on attaining the age of superannuation.

Fraud in renting maruti cars by MVL

544. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 12th Augest, 1991 under the caption "Of Maruti's Murkiest of Fraud" wherein it has been stated that a maruti car financed by the MUL at an instalment of Rs. 3125/- p.m. is rented to the company for Rs. 3700/- p.m.;

(b) if so, what are the other details of the contract entered into with Europ Car stating when the deal was signed and the number of Maruti cars supplied;

(c) whether Maruti Udyog Limited had advertised this scheme or tenders were called;

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard, if so, the outcome thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The details are given in th Statement attached.

(e) to (f) Comments of Maruti Udyo Ltd. have been obtained.

Statement

Fraud in renting of Maruti Cars by MU

(b) Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MUL) signe a contract with M/s. Vins Overseas Indi Pvt. Ltd. (sole Licensees for Europea International in India) on 30th March 1990 to hire 86 cars from them for use for officials purposes. These 86 cars replaced 128 vehicles owned by the Company.

The terms of this contract were a follows:—

MUL would hire these cars for an initial period of 18 months and would pay rental at the following rates:—

For Standard Car	Rs. 3,565/-per car per month.
For AC Car	Rs. 3,995/-per car per month.

The contract may be renewed for a further period of 18 months on such terms & conditions as may be agreed upon mutually. However, all cars would be replaced with brand new cars at the end of the said period.

The cars are under self-driven car rental scheme. MUL provides petrol, drivers, office space, parking space, electricity, water etc. Europcar is fully responsible for maintenance, repairs, servicing, comprehensive insurance, registration, road tax etc. in respect of these cars.

Europcar bought these cars from MUL and MUL financer them at 15 per cent rate of interest compounded monthly on

the declining balance. The terms of re-payment were as follows:—

For Standard Car	18 monthly instalments of Ps. 3,065/per car per month and the 19th instalment of Rs. 66,175/-at the end of the 18 months period.
For AC Car	18 monthly instalments of Rs. 3,320/-per car per month and the 19th instalment of Rs. 86,548/-at the end of the 18 months period.

(c) and (d)

MUL did not advertise nor call for tenders. M/s. Europcar on their own had submitted a proposal in July, 1989 offering vehicles on hire basis. MUL constituted a negotiating Committee to examine the proposal and conducted negotiations. M/s. Hertz was also contacted on 4.10.89 to obtain more competitive rates. Although M/s. Hertz initially gave their rate list for usage of their vehicles, they subsequently did not evince interest in the scheme. Later M/s. Budget was also contacted to obtain more competitive rates. on 30-1-1990, M/s. Budget submitted their quotation. The quotations of M/s. Europcar and M/s. Budget were examined by a Committee which also visited offices of the two companies on 7.2.90. Further, negotiations were held and the two parties were asked to submit revised quotations on common parameters which they submitted on 22.2.90. The rates quoted by M/s. Europcar being lower the contract was awarded to M/s. Europcar.

Export of arms by India

545. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:
KUMARI ALIA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to enter the world's arms bazar in a big way if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether a number of sophisticated arms are likely to be exported?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Government have already initiated steps to increase defence exports. These involve policy and procedural liberalisations and other marketing and publicity efforts.

(b) Defence exports cover a range of lethal and non lethal items manufactured by the Ordnance Factory Board and the Defence Public Sector Undertakings.

Appointments of Chief Executives in Public Sector Undertakings by the caretaker Government

546. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to review the appointments of Chief Executives of public sector undertakings made by the caretaker Government on the eve of the last general election as reported in the Indian Express dated 9th August, 1991;

(b) if so, whether a large number of complaints have been received about such appointments;

(c) whether these appointments were made without getting any clearance from the appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC);

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to change all such persons who were illegally appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The concerned Ministries/Departments have been requested to initiate necessary action for reviewing the appointment of Chief